



**Nick Licata**  
Seattle City Councilmember

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Ron Severt  
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Dear Ron,

I enjoyed meeting with you last month to discuss protecting views of the Space Needle.

As I mentioned to you during that February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, I was concerned over news I had been reading on the labor dispute apparently ongoing with your workers for almost two years.

I've heard from employees of the Space Needle how proud they are to work at this landmark and to represent our City to its visitors. However, they also have a genuine concern for the future of their families. I understand they are seeking a long term commitment of job security as part of their collective bargaining agreement.

You indicated to me during our meeting that the Space Needle has subcontracted workers in the past and has always ensured those workers could keep their jobs and conditions of employment. Thank you. I hope you are willing to make that guarantee to your current workers, as well.

I consider the Space Needle to be one of the Seattle hospitality industry's most significant contributors to our local economy. I also believe that front-line representatives of our hospitality industry - Seattle's workers - should be able to share in that prosperity.

I encourage you, in the spirit of coming to a resolution, to utilize the mediation process to reach a settlement with your employees.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my message. I look forward to reading good news on how the Space Needle has reached an amicable resolution with its workers.

Sincerely,

Nick Licata